

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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3 1. An improved boat hook and line handling device for
4 use in positioning a docking line comprising an elongated boat
5 hook shaft and a clip having an elongated body with a first
6 end and a second end, said clip oriented at an angle to said
7 boat hook shaft with said first end displaced from said boat
8 hook shaft, said second end of said clip pivotally connected
9 and spring biased to an attachment, said attachment fixed to
10 said shaft whereby said clip facilitates positioning of a
11 docking line by maintaining a line loop sized to encircle a
12 piling.

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14 2. An improved boat hook according to Claim 1, wherein
15 said attachment is a hinge.

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17 3. An improved boat hook according to Claim 2, wherein
18 said clip is spring biased to orient said clip into parallel
19 position relative to said shaft.

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21 4. An improved boat hook according to Claim 3, wherein
22 said attachment is mounted on a clamp, said clamp having a
23 circumference approximating the circumference of said shaft
24 whereby said attachment is removably fixed to said shaft.

1 5. An improved boat hook according to claim 4, wherein
2 said clamp is fixed to said shaft by a bolt through said
3 clamp.

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5 6. An improved boat hook according to claim 1, wherein
6 said boat hook shaft has a first outer tube and a second inner
7 tube, said first outer tube and said second inner tube
8 telescoping relative to each other, said attachment is fixed
9 to said inner tube, said clip forming a portion of said second
10 inner tube whereby said clip is oriented parallel to said
11 first outer tube when said first outer tube and said second
12 inner tube are moved relative to each other.

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14 7. An improved boat hook according to claim 2,
15 wherein said boat hook shaft has a first outer tube and a
16 second inner tube, said first outer tube and said second inner
17 tube telescoping relative to each other, said hinge is fixed
18 to said inner tube, said clip forming a portion of said second
19 inner tube whereby said clip is oriented parallel to said
20 first outer tube when said first outer tube and said second
21 inner tube are moved relative to each other.

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23 8. An improved boat hook and line handling device
24 for use in positioning a docking line comprising an elongated
25 boat hook shaft and a clip having an elongated body with a
26 first end and a second end, said clip rigidly oriented at an

1 angle to said boat hook shaft with said first end displaced
2 from said boat hook shaft, said second end of said clip
3 rigidly connected to an attachment, said attachment encircling
4 said shaft whereby said clip facilitates positioning of a
5 docking line by maintaining a line loop sized to encircle a
6 piling.

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8 8. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said first end of
9 said clip is co-terminus with said boat hook and includes an
10 enlargement.

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12 9. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said first end of
13 said clip is co-terminus with said boat hook and includes an
14 enlargement.